

WILLIS BRADY.

FEBRUARY 1, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. WOOD, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10193.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10193) granting a pension to Willis Brady, submit the following report:

Willis Brady was a private in Company F, Fifty-ninth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry. His period of service was but fifty-two days. Soon after his enlistment and muster he contracted camp diarrhea and was taken to the hospital and then discharged. On account of the shortness of his term of service he is unable to prove his disease of service origin, as he was not acquainted with the members of his company.

He is now, as conclusively shown by the evidence submitted to the committee, without means, totally incapacitated for manual labor, and subsisting on charity. An application for pension under act of June 27, 1890, was properly rejected on account of the period of his service being less than ninety days. This presents the only question whether the soldier should live on the charity of his community or be moderately pensioned.

The committee recommend the passage of the bill carrying \$12 per month, a sum sufficient to reasonably support him for the few years yet remaining of his life. Eighty-five citizens petition for the pension to be granted him and vouch for his honesty and uprightness of character as well as his disability and need of the bounty of the Government.